BT/CT/RAD Meeting
Meeting minutes
Tuesday June 14, 2011

Present: Cheryl Gauthier, Sue Koszalka, Tanya Swanson, Becky Hastings, Kimberly Doan, Lynda Glenn, Caryn Conley, Peter Kane, Paul Servizio and Linwood Noddin.

Facilitator: Julie Nassif

Recorder: Giovanni Rosas

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Sue Koszalka
- The testing for radiation from Fukushima has been put on hold by DEP and MWRA unless something comes up from air and water analyses indicate that there may be another plume coming over from Japan.
- There are also reports of the radiation from Fukushima affecting sea life in the Sea of Japan. Because of the proximity to the ocean, a concrete sarcophagus (like the one in place at Chernobyl) which would envelope the damaged reactors isn't practical. So they're doing their best to salvage the reactors.
- The Transit retrieved from the O'Neill building remains in the Lab: MERL is petitioning EPA to take custody of it. Since it's not a maritime sextant as originally thought, we feel that the U.S. Navy and the U.S.S. Constitution Museum probably will not be interested in it. Tom has been with EPA to ask if we can send it to them
- MERL is currently beginning its summer sampling schedule to include milk, vegetation, marine and crop samples from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station; routine sampling at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power plant.

Linda Glenn
- Brief discussion on the E-Coli breakout in Germany and survivors of the Joplin, MO tornado are battling a strange deadly fungus.

Cheryl Gauthier
- A landscaper who ran over a rabbit with a lawn mower in Nantucket has tested positive for tularemia by an outside laboratory. A sample will be submitted to the Bioterrorism Lab for confirmation.

- Training for FBI and Postal inspectors is scheduled for June 29.

Kimberly Doan
- June 20 is the start of mosquito season and there will be more measles testing and there have been getting negative results so far.

Julie Nassif
- The CT Lab was recently recognized by the commissioner for the sulfur mustard testing.